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SUBJECT: CSCE BELGRADE: REMAINING ISSUES

REF: A) BELGRADE 5166; B) BELGRADE 5173

1. WE CONCUR IN YOUR JUDGMENT THAT DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS YOU SHOULD SEEK, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SPANISH TEXT, WITHOUT NECESSARILY MAINTAINING OUR INITIAL POSITIONS ON THE QUESTIONS OF DURATION AND WORKING GROUPS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE RESULTS OF  
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THE PREPARATORY MEETING CAN BE SHOWN TO HAVE MET OUR ORIGINAL GOALS AS FAR AS FUNDAMENTALS ARE CONCERNED. OUR GOALS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS SHOULD BE (A) TO ACHIEVE FEASIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SPANISH PAPER AND (B) TO CONCLUDE THE PREPARATORY MEETING.

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF REMAINING QUESTIONS IN CONTACT

GROUP AND ELSEWHERE, DELEGATION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT VIEWS:

A. WE THINK PREPARATORY MEETING SHOULD BE CONCLUDED THIS WEEK, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE FRIDAY. AN ADJOURNMENT WOULD NOT ASSIST IN THE SOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING

PROBLEMS AND WOULD PROLONG THE CONTROVERSY OVER WHAT ARE ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL ISSUES. IN ADDITION, THE CSCE COMMISSION PLANS TO ANNOUNCE THE CONTENTS OF ITS REPORT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 5. IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE THE PREPARATORY MEETING CONCLUDE BEFORE THE REPORT IS MADE PUBLIC.

B. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE WITH THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND DUTCH, BOTH ON THE SUBSTANCE OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE SPANISH PAPER AND ON THE NEED TO BRING THE PREPARATORY MEETING TO A CLOSE THIS WEEK. DURING INFORMAL COORDINATION WITH UK AND FRENCH, YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM OF THE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING AND OF THE REASONS FOR OUR POSITION, AND URGE THEM TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE THE MEETING THIS WEEK. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE FULLEST POSSIBLE REPORT OF UK AND FRENCH VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES.

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C. WE AGREE THAT TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS SUGGESTED IN PARA 5 OF BELGRADE 5173 ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING SITUATION. WE THINK YOUR EFFORTS AT ACHIEVING AMBIGUITY IN CLOSING DATE FOR WORKING GROUPS ARE PROMISING. A FURTHER POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE AGREEMENT ON AN ADDITIONAL JOURNAL NOTE PROVIDING A MORE EXACT INTERPRETATION OF PARAGRAPH 13. WE WILL LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER SUCH A JOURNAL NOTE WOULD BE ADVISABLE OR ACHIEVABLE.

3. PRESS TREATMENT OF CONCLUDING PHASE OF PREPARATORY MEETING WILL IN OUR VIEW BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT. OVERALL RESULTS OF PREPARATORY MEETING ARE HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO THE WEST, AND WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST TO EDUCATE THE PRESS TO THIS FACT. DEPT. IS TRANSMITTING IN SEPTTEL DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE FOR COMMENT BY DELEGATION. CHRISTOPHER

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